



BERT HINKLER MEMORIAL GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP

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Gliding Scholarship Scheme

A scholarship is available to enable a young person to take part and receive training in the sport of gliding. The scholarship is the result of the initiative of Mr. Frank Wilson, who is also the sponsor providing the scholarship funds.

The training is to be provided through the Geelong Gliding Club Inc, which operates from the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome. The scholarship will therefore appeal most to those living in the Melbourne, Geelong, or Ballarat area.

The aim of the scholarship is to encourage new participants in gliding. Applicants will ideally have had no previous hands-on flying training or at least not have progressed beyond the initial stages.

Two scholarships are to be awarded, each providing up to \$1600 to cover the cost of gliding training and membership fees. Details of conditions and the application process are summarised below.

Application Procedure and Criteria

Scholarship Conditions

The award of the scholarship will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The name of the scholarship will be the "Bert Hinkler Memorial Gliding Scholarship".
2. The scholarship is to be administered by a committee and awarded at the discretion of that committee.
3. Persons with solo flying experience in any aviation discipline are ineligible to apply.
4. Applicants must be older than 14 years and 6 months and younger than 21 years on the closing date of applications.
5. Applicants must show that they are bona fide students attending an accredited institution [either part-time or full-time], for example by producing a valid Student Card.
6. Applicants must be able to declare that they do not have any medical conditions which would prevent them from flying a glider solo.

7. Applicants are required to make a written submission that will be used by the committee in assessing their suitability for the scholarship. The document should explain the applicant's goals (both in gliding and in aviation generally), why they are deserving of the scholarship and what benefit they believe they will receive and what they will bring to the sport of gliding.
8. The committee will assess the merit of applications using criteria that include:
 - Quality and originality of the written work and any artistic expression.
 - Motivation and aptitude of the applicant, including evidence of commitment, research and effort.
 - Strength of aspirations in gliding and flying, and
 - Future benefit to the applicant and the Australian gliding movement.
9. The committee may also consider any special social, economic, distance and opportunity factors, and Referee comments (if provided).
10. The committee may invite a short-list of applicants to visit the club for an assessment interview. These applicants may be offered a flight in a glider [at the club rates for junior members] to assist the committee in determining the successful applicant
11. The scholarship amount of \$1600 will be placed into the scholarship holder's flying account as a member of the Geelong Gliding Club.
12. The scholarship funds can only be used to cover the direct costs of flying training, overnight accommodation in the clubhouse, and membership fees. No part of the funds can be converted to cash by the scholarship holder.
13. The scholarship has a duration of 12 months. Any part of the funds not expended at the end of the scholarship period will be returned to the Bert Hinkler Memorial Scholarship sponsor. An extension may be granted to the scholarship period in exceptional circumstances, at the sole discretion of the sponsor.
14. The scholarship holder is required to attend regularly [at least 4 flying days in a running 2 month period] for flying or related activities such as glider maintenance. Unsatisfactory attendance will result in the scholarship being withdrawn.
15. Scholarship funds can be used for post-solo gliding and gliding training within the 12 months of the scholarship duration.

Scholarship Application and Award Processes

Applicants must make a written submission, titled "Why a gliding scholarship is important to my future". Applicants must also provide a covering letter containing information as per the attached pro-forma letter.

Attention is drawn to paragraph 7 above of the scholarship conditions. The submission should be a written work, such as an essay, or letter, prose, poetry, or combination of these, with optional graphics or photography, forming a combination of written and graphical expression.

Applications and supporting submissions should be the original work of the applicant and must be certified as such.

In preparing the submission, applicants should describe why gliding and flying is important to them. This

could include descriptions of what gliding related experiences or research have affected them, their appreciation of soaring flight or the fellowship of aviators. It is important to describe future aspirations, and what benefit they will bring to the sport of gliding in Australia.

Applications will be assessed and the scholarship awarded by a committee. The considerations of that committee are confidential and final.

The committee will judge the most deserving applicant, in terms of their effort, commitment, aptitude, motivation and aspirations, cognizant of any special social, economic, distance or opportunity factors, as most likely to benefit from a scholarship and to grow within the Australian gliding movement.

Two gliding scholarships will be awarded for 2009. The successful applicants may be requested to attend a modest awards ceremony, with accompanying photography and post-award publicity.

Application Closing Date and Scholarship Duration

Applications are to be made in writing and sent to:

Bert Hinkler Memorial Gliding Scholarship
P.O. Box 197
Bacchus Marsh, VIC, 3340

Applications must be received at the above address by 4th of December 2009.

No consideration will be given, and no responsibility will be accepted by the scholarship organizers, for delays or failures in the transmission of applications.

The scholarships awarded will have a duration of 12 months, from 16 January 2010 to 15 January 2011.

Note:

Potential applicants are invited to visit the Geelong Gliding Club and talk to members on weekends and public holidays at Bacchus Marsh Airfield. Two other gliding clubs and a commercial flying school fly from there as well.

Gliding operations are not conducted in rainy or very windy conditions. Phone 0409212527 to confirm that gliding is taking place on any given day.

APPLICATION FOR BERT HINKLER MEMORIAL GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP

From:
Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Bert Hinkler Memorial Gliding Scholarship
P.O. Box 197
BACCHUS MARSH, VIC, 3340

Dear Sir,

Please accept my application for the above Scholarship.

I certify that the attached submission titled "*Why A Gliding Scholarship Is Important To My Future*" is my own original work, and any material sourced from other people or resources is acknowledged in references or footnotes. I certify that I am a student and that I do not have solo flying experience in gliding or another flying discipline.

I also enclose a referee statement from: _____

Yours sincerely,

My personal details are as follows:

Full Name: _____ Gender: _____

Residential Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

Educational Institution Attended: _____

Course: _____ Student No: _____

Consent of Parent or Guardian: [required for applicants under the age of 18 years]

I hereby consent to the participation of the above named in gliding activities.

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Full name: _____

Signature: _____

Residential address: _____

Date: _____